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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAmendments to the claims:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

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Claim 13 (currently amended) ~~A set of ski components, the set comprising:~~ at least one ski or snowboard comprising a ski or snowboard housing and a superelastic component configured and positioned with respect to the ski or snowboard housing to provide an elastic response of the ski or snowboard to a deflection.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

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Claim 15 (currently amended) The ~~set of ski~~ or snowboard ~~components~~ of claim 13 wherein the superelastic component is positioned as a bottom surface of the ski or snowboard, wherein the bottom surface of the ski or snowboard is configured to be in contact with a ski surface.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The ~~set of ski~~ or snowboard ~~components~~ of claim 15 wherein the superelastic component has a curvature between opposite outside edges.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The ~~set of ski~~ or snowboard ~~components~~ of claim 15 wherein the superelastic component has a flat surface between opposite outside edges.

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